

Pope High School
PTSA General Meeting
January 23, 2024
Minutes

I. Call to Order & Welcome

PTSA President: Good Evening. Welcome to the 2nd Pope PTSA General Meeting of 3 to be held this school year. I am Beth Moore, your PTSA President. I would like to remind everyone that this is a meeting of the PTSA. Only members of the PTA/PTSA may vote. Please identify yourself when you speak.

II.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

b. Moment of Silence

please take a moment of silence for the recent tragedy in our community and for the recent tragedies around the world.

c. I would like to introduce our Executive Board

Vice Presidents- Kelly Jordan and Jennifer Koch

Secretary- Rachel Allgood

Treasurer- Leann Collins

Principal Matthew Bradford

d. I would also like to recognize any committee chairs that are with us tonight, will you please stand? Thank you for all you do!

III. Roll Call, Establish of Quorum

PTSA President: Our first order of business is to establish a quorum. Our secretary, Rachel Allgood, will now determine if we have a quorum.

Secretary: 15 members shall constitute a forum for the transaction of business in this PTSA. Can all Pope PTSA members raise their hands to identify themselves?

PTSA President: Madam Secretary, is there a quorum present?

PTSA Secretary: YES, there is a quorum present with at least 15 Pope PTSA members in attendance.

IV. Action Items

a. Approval of the Previous Minutes

President: Our Secretary will now present the minutes from our last general meeting.

PTSA Secretary: The minutes from the last general meeting held on August 24, 2023, are posted for you on the Pope HS PTSA website under the Membership tab and a copy is on the door.

PTSA President: Are there any corrections?

PTSA Secretary: No

PTSA President: If there are no (further) corrections, may I have a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes? _____ made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes,

and _____ seconded the motion. All in favor, please say "Aye." All opposed, please say "Nay."
The minutes were approved and will be filed for audit.

V. Reports

a. Treasurer Report

PTSA Treasurer: We have received income to date of \$34,015. We have dispersed \$25,022 for expenses received to date. Our current balance is \$8,994 inclusive of prior year carryover of \$22,061 and required reserve of \$14,000.

b. PTSA General Update

Hospitality-

Thank you to our partner, Stacey Wyatt Real Estate for providing a tailgate lunch in September. Thank you to our partner, Rock River Realty for providing a Halloween themed lunch and treats. Thank you to our partner, Holland Botanical, for providing fruit and vegetables throughout the year.

The December holiday staff lunch went well. We helped with decorating and drinks. Handed out the Paw gift baskets to the winners. We distributed the donated gift cards to all staff. Thank you to all of our members that donated gift cards. They were so appreciative. Thank you to our partner, Tutorme. Today for contributing towards the luncheon, along with the Pope Foundation. We recognized Officer Joe Pelletier in honor of Law Enforcement with a gift basket of Williamson Bros.

Thank you to our new partner, Nader Nation for providing the sides for our baked potato and chili bar. Thank you to the parents that sent in chili. It was a huge hit and a favorite among the staff. Thank you to the volunteers for helping during the event too.

Counselor appreciation brunch will be Feb 9th. Our volunteers will provide items and set up/clean up for our amazing counseling team. Thank you in advance for helping us treat our counselors and team.

Communication- Hound Highlights go out every other week. If you need something in it, please email by Tuesday. We are happy to help promote fundraisers, announcements, programs, etc. of happenings at Pope.

Legislative Chair- PTA Day at the Capitol is February 6th. We will have representatives attend.

Diversity, & Inclusion- Please check the bulletin board in the cafeteria for updates.

Black History Month Program- Wednesday, February 28th. The in-school presentation will be at 1:30 and 3:30pm- details to be announced soon.

Reflections- 2 students won at council level and advanced to state. The reception is Jan 30th.

Congrats to our seniors, Audrey Bauer in Dance Choreography and Kara MacKay for Literature

Community Service Hours- This year, more than 300 students at Pope are logging their volunteer hours and working toward earning a graduation honor with our new app, MobileServe.

Together, those students have logged over 10,000 volunteer hours. Around 20 students already have over 120 service hours and will therefore qualify to receive a cord at graduation. We encourage all students to enter their hours as soon as possible after an event, but all hours are required to be submitted during the school year when they are done. We realize that it's been an adjustment for everyone to learn the new system, and we are happy that we have

significantly increased participation. If you have any issues with your hours, Angela Blackwell would be happy to help you get them straightened out. Email her at servicehours@popeptsa.org

Senior Service Scholarships- information will be coming out next month on how to apply. You must be a PTSA student member to apply. You will need recommendations too, so don't delay.

Partners in Education- Thank you to all of our partners, we couldn't be successful without your support. Please welcome our newest Platinum level sponsor, Lauren Carson, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones.

PTA/PTSA President: The chair knows of no other unfinished business. We will now move to New Business.

VI. New Business

a. Election of the Nominating Committee

President: The first order of new business is the election of our Nominating Committee. Our secretary, Odetta MacLeish-White, will read Article VI6 (6) Section 8 of the (name of PTA/PTSA) bylaws regarding council officers and their election:

Secretary: Article VI Section 8 of the (name of PTA/PTSA) bylaws states:

"There shall be a nominating committee composed of 3 members (must be an uneven number) and 1 alternate/s who shall be elected by this local PTSA at a regular general membership meeting at least one month prior to the election of officers. No two members shall be from the same local PTSA.

The following govern the nominating committee:

- a. All members of the nominating committee shall be a member of this PTSA;
- b. The committee shall elect its own chair.
- c. The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at the regular general membership meeting in APRIL at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.
- d. Only those individuals who are current members of this local PTSA and who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for, or elected to, such office.
- e. The president is not eligible for election to the nominating committee.
- f. The principal is eligible to serve if elected

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Rachel.

At this time, we will now take nominations from the floor for members willing to serve on the Nominating Committee for the Pope PTSA.

Do we have any nominations?

Secretary:

(Nomination 1) Christy Wahn has been nominated and is a member of Pope High School PTSA. Christy couldn't be here tonight and is willing to serve if elected.

(Nomination 2) Lynn Tankersley has been nominated and is a member of Pope High School PTSA. Lynn couldn't be here tonight and is willing to serve if elected.

(Nomination 3) Adrienne Paley has been nominated and is a member of Pope High School PTSA. Adrienne couldn't be here tonight and is willing to serve if elected.

(Nomination 4) Kelly Jordan has been nominated and is a member of Pope High School PTSA. Are you willing to serve if elected?

(Nomination for Alternate #1) Nate Fisher has been nominated and is a member of Pope PTSA. Nate couldn't be here tonight and is willing to serve if elected.

PRESIDENT: Are there any further nominations?

I now declare Nominations Closed.

You have nominated __5__ members to be elected to the (name of PTA/PTSA)

Nominating Committee. __3__ is the required number of members with __1__ as alternates, so we will proceed with a voice vote.

All in favor of these nominees serving as our Pope PTSA Nominating Committee signify by saying "Aye".

All opposed signify by saying "Nay"

The Ayes have it so Christy Wahn, Lynn Tankersley, Adrienne Paley, and Kelly Jordan will now serve as members of the Nominating Committee and Nate Fisher as an alternate.

I appoint Kelly Jordan as Temporary Chair until you meet and elect your own chair. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

VII. Additional Business

- a. Is there any additional new business to bring before the Membership?
- b. No, there is no additional new business.

VIII. Announcements

Please support the Pope Foundation. Their annual gala is Saturday, March 9th at Boxwood Social Hall in Marietta. Tickets and details coming soon.

The Pope Touchdown Club Golf Classic is back! Whether you play golf every day or once a decade, come out for a great day and support Pope Football.

WHEN: March 25, 2024. Morning shotgun start

WHERE: Eagle Watch Golf Club in Woodstock

WHAT: 4-player scramble for all skill levels. Greens/cart fees, range balls, contest eligibility, and BBQ lunch included with golfer registration.

Here's how you can support this vital event for the program:

PLAY - All skill levels welcome!

PROMOTE - Help spread the word via social media, etc. Attached is a graphic you can use.

SPONSOR - Have a business? Sponsor the event and promote your brand.

Please contact Coach O'Sullivan or any of the football booster club for more information

Miss Panache 2024, a Pope tradition will be held February 6 in the PAC! The pageant recognizes the outstanding young people of Pope High School and spotlights student accomplishments and ideas in a glamorous, exciting, and fun event. Please save the date and come out to support your fellow students! Proceeds from the event benefit the Fine Arts Dept and the Habitat 4 Humanity Club. Tickets are \$5.00! Silent Auction bidding begins at 6:00. If you would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact Cindy Cassanova. Doors open at 6:30 and the show starts at 7:00!

Please stop by our Partners in Education that are in the lobby, if you didn't meet them on the way in to the meeting.

Thank you to Deborah Craytor for being here tonight on such a very important topic.

Deborah Craytor is the Director of Law-Related Education for the State Bar of Georgia. In that capacity, she helps students and teachers in grades K-12 learn about the law, working with more than 10,000 students and 200 schools per year. Prior to joining the Bar's staff, Ms. Craytor practiced law for more than 20 years, limiting her practice to representing employers in labor and employment law matters. Ms. Craytor has been an associate at Fisher & Phillips; a partner at Branch, Pike & Ganz; a partner at Holland & Knight; the Director of Human Resources and Employment Counsel for Microsulis Americas, Inc. in Waltham, Massachusetts; and a sole practitioner in both Stone Mountain and Kennesaw. Ms. Craytor holds a B.A. with highest honors in sociology from Purdue University, where she was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, and a J.D. with honors from Emory University School of Law, where she was inducted as a member of the Order of the Coif.

IX. Adjournment